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A Masterly Defense

Attorney Jas. W. Clarke is receiving the congratulations of his friends for his masterly defense of Robt. Wille, a former Livermore boy, who was on trial last week at Madera on a charge of attempted train-wrecking. The jury failed to agree and was discharged. A poll of the members revealed the fact that ten stood for acquittal and but two for conviction.

Young Wille was arrested about six week ago and charged with the offense for which he was tried last week. He had been ejected from a passenger train and made threats in his anger which were recalled a couple of days later when a pile of sacked grain was found on the track at about the same point. If the obstruction had not been noticed in time a bad wreck would have resulted. Wille was found in the town and taken into custody. No direct evidence against him was found but the circumstantial evidence was strong.

Attorney Jas. W. Clarke of Livermore was engaged to defend the accused and when he reached Madera just before the opening of the trial he found that the District Attorney's office had been very active and he was unacquainted in the locality; he enlisted the services of G. G. Goucher, a local attorney. While the trial was in progress a number of attempts to wreck trains occurred in the lower part of San Joaquin valley and it was feared that it would prejudice the case as the feeling against this class of crime is intense in a district which has known so many offenses of this kind. Mr. Clarke and his associate made the innocence of their client so apparent that a practical acquittal resulted as the officials of Madera county are outspoken in the belief that the case will never come to trial again.

Lee Wille spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Clarke's effective work in behalf of his brother when he returned after the trial.

The Guests Surprised

A thimble bee party was held at the home of Mrs. C. Nauert, Monday, which turned out to be a birthday of the hostess. Some eighteen ladies were present and spent a most enjoyable time. A guessing contest took place consisting of pencil drawings of animals by those present. Mrs. Phil Ellis won the prize, a beautiful souvenir spoon while Mrs. Haiden was presented with a pretty book as a consolation prize. The ladies did not know of the birthday surprise till they entered the dining room. There they found the room beautiful decorated for the occasion, a birthday cake lit up by cardinal candles and the electric lights ablaze with a cardinal tint.

A dinner of many courses was served amid the general enjoyment of one and all. The affair turned out to be one of the most fashionable gatherings of the kind ever held in Alvarado.

Read our Christmas number.

UNION 'HIGH' VICTORIOUS!

Defeat the Brooks School Quite Handily on Campus

300 SPECTATORS PRESENT

On the football field of the Union High School No. 2 near Centerville on Saturday afternoon last was played one of the most exciting games of football that has taken place this season in this county. The Union High School team met and defeated a picked team from the Brooks School of San Jose. The home team being the lighter team made it very exciting. They resorted to the very dangerous expedient of trick plays to overcome their heavier opponents.

The game was called at 2:30 and the Brooks School kicked off. Captain Whipple of the U. H. S. ran the ball in twenty yards before he was downed; then the signal was given for a delayed pass, and Captain Whipple got around their left end for twenty-five yards, the ball was then given to Fullback Renouf on a split tandem buck, which netted the home team another twenty yards. These plays were repeated until within five yards of the goal, when the ball was given to Left-half Hunt, who on a straight buck made the first touchdown. The kick out failed, the score standing 5 to 0 in favor of the home team.

The ball was kicked off from the centerfield by the home team and the Brooks team ran the ball thirty yards before the runner was downed, by the series of bucks. The Brooks team carried the ball down to the fifteen yard line, then they tried a field goal and failed. Renouf got the ball and kicked it

from the twenty-five yard line, then the Brooks team got the ball and repeated their tactics and tried for another field goal on the twenty yard line and failed, when time was called for the first half.

In the second half the home team kicked off to the Brooks team, who ran the ball in twenty yards and then they were forced to punt and it became U. H. S.'s ball, who bucked up the field for twenty yards and finally lost the ball on downs. Then Brooks team got the ball and the U. H. S. team took a brace and the Brooks team lost it on downs. Then U. H. S. began their trick plays and Hunt made the second touchdown and Renouf kicked the goal. In the next play the Brooks team kicked off and Hunt caught the on the thirty yard line, and by the wonderful interference and Quarterback Hatch, Right Half Whipple and Full Back Renouf bowling over the opposing players, cleared the field for Left Half Hunt to make the goal, eighty yards off, which was done in style equal to Bobby Sherman's famous run for the U. C. a couple of years ago. The ball was carried out to the center of the field and time was called before it was put in play, the score standing 16 to 0 in favor of the Union High School.

Fifteen and twenty minute halves were played.

Umpire, Garrett Norris; time keeper, Henry Crosby; lineman, Smith and Jones.

Niles "500" Club

The Niles "500" Club held their regular semi-monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Wm. Snyder on Tuesday evening. The prizes were won by Mrs. Dr. Chalmers and Mr. O. E. Walpert while the consolation prizes fell to the lot of Mrs. H. A. Mayhew and Mr. S. O. Higley.

The Club adjourned till after the holiday season, the next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Geo. Fisher, on the second Tuesday evening in January.

Election of Officers

Niles Lodge, No. 382, I. O. O. F. elected the following officers for the ensuing term at their meeting Monday evening:

N. G., S. B. Force; V. G., E. D. Hale; Sec., Chas. Evans; Trustee, (18 months) S. C. Manson; Trustee, (12 months) Geo. Hudson.

Come and see the new storekeeper at Centerville, "Coney." He has the right goods at the right prices.

The Country Club

The Country Club met at the home of Mrs. C. H. Allen in Centerville on Tuesday Dec. 6th. The subject for the day being English Prose Writers, the following ladies participated in the program. Mrs. H. Overacker, Mrs. Huxley, Miss E. Graham, paper read by Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Satterthwait and Thane. The vocal solo rendered by Mrs. Thane was very sweetly sung.

Much interest is just now taken in the History and Landmarks of Washington Township complied by the Country Club and just from the press.

Encampment to Organize

The Odd Fellows of Pleasanton will organize an encampment this evening. A large delegation from Niles Encampment will attend and witness the ceremony. The Canton from Oakland will be present to help in the organization.

We are pleased to have the patrons of this paper call and inspect our office at any time.

The Ladies Guild

The Ladies Guild met in the Sunday School rooms of the Congregational Church Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Dassel hostess. Preparations are being made for the Bazaar on the 16th. Dinner will be served that evening from 5 to 8 o'clock. The next meeting of the Guild will be held on Tuesday the 13th. instead of the usual day Wednesday, at the same place.

Mrs. Stivers and Mrs. Wamsley hostesses.

Town Hall Dance

The Town Hall Ladies have decided to give a dance on Saturday evening December 10th. to which the public are cordially invited to be present. The Sadie Jacobus Orchestra of Oakland will furnish the music. Tickets 50 cents. Ladies Free.

Winning Ticket

Ticket No 188 won the wagon at the raffle which took place at M. J. Cavanaugh's Wednesday evening. Party holding said ticket can procure wagon by calling on M. C. Dias, Niles.

Decoto Doings.

Lyman Paul Armstrong, who styles himself Globe Trotter, gave a fine stereoptican entertainment in Silva's Hall on Monday evening, part of the proceeds going to the public school fund. The views were principally on the Yellowstone Park and the St. Louis exposition and were very fine.

The "Eagle" cigar is as popular as the Order after which it is named.

D. C. Kelley is taking a trip through the San Joaquin valley, combining business with pleasure.

Miss Gertrude Peterson was the guest of Mabel Dugan of Newark Sunday.

Who is Coney? He is the up-to-date merchant at Centerville. Good goods at low price.

C. C. Crane and wife of San Francisco spent Sunday in town.

Miss Zadie Whipple entertained a young lady friend from San Francisco over Sunday.

Mrs. Emerson and daughter Charlotte, of Oakland spent Tuesday in town.

Ramona Sweets the "Candy of Quality" at Sneden's Drug Store.

Fred Graessline of San Francisco is spending a week with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Graesslin.

Mrs. J. H. Peterson spent Saturday in San Francisco and Oakland.

All copy for the twenty-page Christmas edition of the WASHINGTON PRESS which will appear next Saturday, must arrive at the Press office not later than Wednesday night.

Estimates for plumbing, tinning, and well boring, cheerfully furnished by H. Crosby, Centerville.*

Alvarado Affairs

Invitations are out for a birthday party to be tendered Mr. E. A. Richmond this evening.

Grand preparations are being made for the first party of the Cotillion Club which will take place in Odd Fellows Hall next Saturday evening. Each member has the privilege of inviting a few friends, cards not being necessary at the door.

Ramona Sweets the "Candy of Quality" at Sneden's Drug Store.

Miss Grace Ellis received the nomination of Vice President of the Senior Class of the Alameda High School Tuesday. This is an honor that does not fall to the lot of many.

We are out for business at the old stand. H. Crosby Centerville.*

The Sugar Mill is expected to close down to-day or to-morrow.

Frank Wilson, who is employed in the sugar mill, will move with his wife to Kenwood near Santa Rosa.

Phil Ellis spent two days of the past week in the city purchasing goods for the holidays.

O. N. Hirsch & Co. will sell Raisins, Currants, Citron, Nuts and Candy at Cost during the month of December.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Brown of Portland are visiting with relatives on Vallejo street.

Miss Harriet Joyce is stopping with Mrs. Foley during her mother's absence in Decoto.

Mrs. Fred Harvey and children and her sister Mrs. Perkins of Fresno are expected home daily.

Miss Oscarna Nauert and Miss Nina Dyer are in the city this week visiting with friends.

Mrs. Sunkel has been entertaining her sister from Sacramento during the past week.

We understand that Cupid is hard at work during this Holiday season and that our friend Bontelho is making quite frequent trips to Haywards of late.

Supervisor Horner spent one day during the past week around the town and surrounding country looking after the roads and bridges.

Al Drendall and Allen Richmond of San Francisco spent Sunday on the marshes and returned home with a fine lot of ducks.

W. H. Cockefair has gone to San Francisco, where he has found work which just suits him.

L. C. Smith formerly of Alvarado but now of San Jose spent a couple of days in town during the past week.

The Continental Salt Co. have closed down their works till after the holidays.

Harvey and Moran are turning out some fine heaters which will keep a room warm with one-half the expense of a common coal stove.

Andrew Haiden has returned from his visit around Sacramento. He saw many places which were familiar to him forty years ago. He has greatly improved in health as he gained no less than sixteen pounds in weight.

ARRESTED BY U. S. OFFICERS

Mrs. Chadwick's Creditors Not
Anxious to Be Shown Up
to the Public.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 8.—County Prosecutor Keeler has sent the following telegram to Andrew Carnegie in New York:

"Did you ever sign your name to notes for \$250,000, for \$500,000 and for \$500,000, all dated New York, January 7, 1904? Did you ever sign any one of these notes? Will you be willing to come to Ohio, if necessary, to testify that you did not? Please wire reply as soon as possible, as grand jury action hinges on your attitude."

Arrested by Federal Officers.

New York, Dec. 8.—The climax in the affairs of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick came last night when she was placed under arrest in her apartments at the Hotel Breslin charged with aiding and abetting a bank officer in embezzling \$12,500. The arrest was made after a lengthy conference between United States Commission Shields, Assistant United States District Attorney E. E. Baldwin, Secret Service Agent Flynn and United States Marshal William Henkel. Commissioner Shields issued a warrant, which charges a violation of section 5029 of the United States federal laws relating to conspiracy.

Anxious for Settlement Out of Court.

New York, Dec. 8.—That the creditors of Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick, as represented by the Ohio men who arrived in New York yesterday, are more anxious to bring about a settlement of their claims against the woman than to precipitate a crisis by a sensational legal step is believed by Mrs. Chadwick's local attorneys. They think this has been shown by the many conferences yesterday without apparent result. It is pointed out also that no other than a hope that it is not too late to secure a cash settlement of the claims against Mrs. Chadwick explains the delay in submitting to Andrew Carnegie the notes held by the Oberlin, Ohio, bank for his decision whether the signature thereon is genuine. Attorney Andrew Squire, counsel for Treasurer Ira Reynolds of the Wade Park Banking company of Cleveland, is quoted as saying:

"I am in this city representing several creditors. All that I am looking for is the cash."

It is intimated that the purpose of Mr. Reynolds' trip to New York at the request of Mrs. Chadwick was to endeavor to raise funds on the Chadwick securities, said to be worth \$5,000,000, of which he is said to be trustee.

Despite frequent conferences in this city and the sudden removal of Mrs. Chadwick to another hotel, which emphasized the fact that she is watched by two secret service officers, who promptly followed and occupied rooms near her new quarters, decisive action in the case seems to be held in abeyance by some powerful influence. It was reported yesterday that the delay was in a measure due to a desire to prevent the imposition of hardship on banks with which Mrs. Chadwick has had dealings, but whose part in her financial affairs has not yet been made public. It is said that if it were known that other banks had made loans to Mrs. Chadwick a run on them might be started that would do them great injury. No one not intimately connected with the case knows what these banks are, nor what has become of a note for \$500,000 which President Beckwith of the Oberlin bank says he endorsed for Mrs. Chadwick.

BIG MINING DEAL.

San Francisco and Eastern Capitalists Purchase Big Estate.

Marysville, Dec. 8.—A half million dollar mining deal was closed in this city yesterday, the purchaser being Colonel J. E. Doolittle of San Francisco and eastern capitalists. The deal purchased consists of 1600 acres owned by James O'Brien, the P. George estate, A. Eymard estate, H. D. Mitchell and Dan Shay.

It lies along the north side of the Yuba river, ten miles east of Marysville, and prospecting with drills during the past few months shows very rich gold deposits. The purchase price was more than \$350 an acre, or nearly \$600,000. Several large dredgers will be placed on the property as soon as possible.

This is the largest mining deal ever made in Yuba county in point of price, although the first sales covered a larger number of acres. Several other deals are about to be closed. The amount now invested in mining lands along the Yuba is more than \$2,000,000, all within the past two years.

NOT PART OF UNITED STATES.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Secretary Metcalf yesterday decided adversely the petition of Elena Paroa, a Peruvian

trying to enter the Port of San Francisco. Paroa was ruled out as an undesirable immigrant and appealed from the decision of the local authorities on the ground that he came from the canal zone and was therefore merely going from one part of the United States to another. Secretary Metcalf held that the canal zone was held under lease by the United States, but was not a part of it, and that aliens coming to the United States from the canal zone are subject to the operation of the immigration laws.

THOUSANDS OUT OF WORK.

Men Who Built Subway Now a Charge on the City.

New York, Dec. 8.—Charitable institutions in this city report that never before have they been called upon to assist so great a number of unemployed men. According to statistics at the municipal lodging house on First avenue nearly 40 per cent more idle men needed help in November

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IN THIS PAPER

than was the case a year ago. During that month 187 persons, 90 per cent being men, were cared for. This condition is attributed to the completion of the subway—not so much on account of the completion of the construction work, which, of course, threw men out of employment, as to the fame of the tunnel, which has attracted thousands to New York in the belief that they could obtain at once lucrative employment.

EXPLOSION IN MINE.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 8.—Meager details of an explosion in a coal mine at Burnett, about fifty miles from Tacoma have been received here. Ten bodies had been taken out.

Plenty of Advice.

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HOT DISCUSSION IN CONVENTION

Fruit Growers in Warm Debate Over Transportation Question.

San Jose, Dec. 8.—A largely increased attendance marked the session of the fruit growers yesterday. President Cooper indirectly forecasted a warm discussion on transportation by stating that as two reports would be read on the subject, one by R. D. Stephens, chairman of the transportation committee, and the other by Paul Shoup, San Jose agent of the Southern Pacific company, it had been determined to hear both papers read before any discussion would be in order.

By the unmistakable thrill of interest that was immediately perceptible among the members it was evident that the fight of the convention was involved in the subject.

Alden Anderson, manager of the California Fruit Distributors, read a report of the operations of that organization for the present season. Then R. D. Stephens, tall, angular, white-haired and instinct with energy and determination, read his vigorous report in a vigorous way.

An acid word or two with reference to Mr. Anderson's report was a signal that no quarter would be asked or given in any possible fight that might follow. In the report the committee recorded their earnest protest against the renewal or extension of existing contracts between the railroads and the refrigerator car lines; protest against the private ownership or control of cars in which the fruit is shipped; assert that the time has come when fruit growers should be relieved from paying heavy tribute to this, "the worst of all monopolies;" declare that "refrigeration has been the bane of the fruit growers of California and has done more to retard the progress and prosperity of this state than all other things combined."

Mr. Stephens had barely concluded his report when Mr. Anderson was on his feet demanding to know who had appointed the transportation committee.

President Cooper stated that the committee had been appointed last year at the Fresno convention. Mr. Anderson demanded the privilege of filing a minority report, which was granted, and he submitted the following:

Resolved, That the convention reiterate everything we have ever said or done in the way of demanding satisfactory service for fruit by the railroads, and that we direct our representatives in congress to urge the passage of an act amending the interstate law making it unlawful to give rebate in any way or manner.

Members sprang to their feet and asked for recognition, but the president refused to hear discussion until Mr. Shoup's paper had been read.

HELPS SPOUSE ELOPE.

Says Love is the Supreme Gift and Highest Law.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—A romance started Waywood society more than a year ago. Harold Mackay deserting his wife, Anna, eloped with Mrs. Louis Vaillancourt, who left behind her husband, Samuel Vaillancourt, and two children. Yesterday, in Judge Bretano's court, the deserted husband's plea for a divorce was granted.

The letters in which the runaway lovers pledged their love for each other were entered as evidence, and exposed the fact that the deserted wife of Mackay had aided the elopers in their preparations to flee. An extract from one letter of Mrs. Vaillancourt to her husband says: "When I met Harry I found a sincere friend, something I had never known before. You may wonder how Annie could let us do as we have. She even helped us pack our trunks. She knows what love is, as she, too, loved him truly, and can do as I did. As for her I have every sympathy and will help Harold do all he can in earning a living for his family."

"Now you will have to divorce me, and we can make it right before the world, for as love is the supreme gift and the highest law, it is more right that I should live with Harold now than with you."

FOOD BRINGS TOP PRICES.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 8.—A special to the Post Intelligencer from Valdes states that George M. Hill, Pete Erickson and Charles W. Bram have arrived with dog teams after having been sixteen days out from Fairbanks. They are the first arrivals over the winter route. All three of the men predict that not more than 100 men came out this winter. They report their camp is in excellent condition, and that supplies generally are plentiful, but that prices are high. Pepper is selling for \$3 per pound and horse feed \$300 per ton.

WOULD LIKE TO SPEND CHRISTMAS AT HOME.

Efforts Being Made to Expedite Trial of Show Girl.

New York, Dec. 8.—Unusual efforts are being put forth to expedite the second trial of Nan Patterson, the former show girl, charged with the murder of Caesar Young. Already Justice Davis has announced that the court will sit an additional half-hour each day, and rumor says it is quite possible that night sessions may be held during the later stages of the trial.

Although there remained five jurors to be chosen when the trial was resumed yesterday, it was predicted that the preliminary work would be completed and that the case of the prosecution would be well under way before the close of the present week.

Among the many stories in connection with the case which have gained general circulation, is one to the effect that the defense may rest on the evidence submitted by the prosecution. Miss Patterson has expressed a strong desire to be at her father's home in Washington for Christmas, it is said, and is willing to take chances to gain that end. If the trial progresses rapidly the defense may call some witnesses, but even that is not certain, it is said. In any event, everything possible will be done to get a verdict before Christmas day.

Another story is to the effect that arrangements had been completed assuring the appearance during the trial of J. Morgan Smith, an important witness, who has been missing since the day after the tragedy. Both the attorneys for the prosecution and the defense deny any knowledge of any such arrangement, however. Smith is Nan Patterson's brother-in-law. It is said that Hayman B. Stern, a pawnbroker, will testify that Smith purchased the revolver with which Young was shot.

MAY ESCAPE PUNISHMENT.

Identification of Robber Almost Impossible Since Death of Roberts.

Los Angeles, Dec. 8.—Since the death of Wells-Fargo Messenger E. O. Roberts, which occurred in the hospital yesterday, the chances of bringing to justice the man who shot Roberts and looted the Wells-Fargo safe of \$300 on the Santa Fe train at Daggett, Cal., December 5, are materially lessened. The description of the robber which Roberts was able to furnish was very meager, and now that Roberts is dead identification of the culprit, even if he could be taken into custody, would be almost impossible.

Officers are still continuing the search along the Santa Fe railroad and over the desert in the vicinity of Daggett, but up to date no arrests, aside from the two previously reported, have been made.

The negro Williams, who was the first suspect arrested, and who was released from the Los Angeles city jail after Roberts' death and later re-arrested on request of Santa Fe detectives, is still in the hands of the officers, but his exact whereabouts are not known.

Assistant Superintendent Pridham of Wells-Fargo stated he believed the man had been taken to San Bernardino to be lodged in jail there, but this has not been verified. San Bernardino is the county seat of the county in which the robbery occurred. The other suspect, Fitzpatrick, who was arrested at Ludlow, has also been taken to San Bernardino.

DODGE PROCESS SERVER.

Witnesses in Smoot Case Are Not to Be Found.

Salt Lake, Utah, Dec. 8.—United States Marshal Heywood has, it is stated, succeeded thus far in serving only eight of the thirty-three subpoenas for witnesses wanted by the senate sub-committee investigating the Reed Smoot affair, but it is expected that a majority of the subpoenas would be served before today.

John Nicholson and George Reynolds of Salt Lake are considered the most important witnesses thus far secured. Mr. Nicholson is recorder of the Salt Lake temple. He is required to bring before the senate sub-committee the records in his possession regarding marriages performed in the endowment house or in the temple at Salt Lake. George Reynolds is secretary of the missions committee of the Mormon church and editor of one of the church publications.

Five witnesses for whom subpoenas are said to have been issued are believed to be outside the United States. They include three apostles of the church, Grant, Taylor and Cowley.

JUMPED BEFORE ENGINE.

Santa Rosa, Dec. 8.—A. B. Higgins, 63 years of age, and until recently a prominent farmer at Point Arena, when he moved to this city and purchased property, threw himself under a switch engine at the California Northwestern depot yesterday morning and met instant death. The suicide was due to despondency. Coroner Blackburn held an inquest. He leaves a widow and grown children. The suicide was seen by a number of persons.

proved; that there was no proof shown in the evidence that the shot that killed Mary Weber was fired in Placer county; that she died in Placer county, or that the person who fired the shot was in Placer county at the time or within five hundred yards of the boundary of Placer county. He argued that it did not appear from the evidence that any public offense had been committed or that there was sufficient cause from the evidence to believe the defendant guilty.

Attorney Tabor further claimed that Weber was seen to pass from the Weber house at 6:30 and later was seen at the postoffice and Cohen's store before the fire bell rang, while the piano was heard at Weber's about 6:45.

All of the evidence, it was contended, shows the defendant was never known to own a pistol and was not connected with the pistol in evidence.

The attorney reviewed the evidence in the case showing defendant's relation to the incidents of the fire and his movements before and after.

Adolph whispered to his counsel who then spoke of the threat alleged by Mrs. Snowden that "her turn would come next." He said the remark was probably misunderstood or misinterpreted, and at all events it did not connect him with the murder.

Taking the testimony of the witnesses relating to time, it would have been impossible for defendant to have committed the three murders and set the bodies on fire and then come down town at the time he was seen.

District Attorney Robinson replied at length to Mr. Tabor's arguments and quoted a supreme court decision to the effect that an information is a deposition, and that if the defendant does not dispute the jurisdiction of the court at the time it is presented the jurisdiction is proved. The morning was consumed in argument.

CANFIELD PLEADS GUILTY.

Gambler Saves His Wealthy Patrons From Exposure.

New York, Dec. 8.—Richard A. Canfield and David Bucklin, respectively proprietor and manager of what was said to be the most exclusive gambling house in this country, were indicted by the grand jury yesterday on the charge of maintaining a gambling house at 5 East Forty-fourth street. They were taken before Judge Cumming and pleaded guilty to the indictments.

District Attorney Jerome several years ago began a determined effort to secure the necessary evidence and to this end he subpoenaed Jesse Lewisoohn, a member of a prominent business firm, and called upon Mr. Lewisoohn to answer whether he ever gambled in Canfield's house. Lewisoohn refused to answer on the ground that he was not required to give a reply which might tend to incriminate or degrade him. A special act was passed by the legislature to provide immunity to witnesses who might testify as Mr. Lewisoohn had been asked to do. Still Mr. Lewisoohn declined to answer on the ground that the special act was unconstitutional. He fought the case to the court of appeals, the highest in the state, and recently that court handed down a decision sustaining the act and holding that Mr. Lewisoohn should testify. Shortly afterwards it was given out that Mr. Canfield, in order to protect those who had visited his house, would plead guilty.

Canfield and Bucklin were fined \$1000 each by Judge Cowing. The recommendation for this action was made by the district attorney.

STICKS TO HIS STORY.

Oakland, Dec. 8.—The preliminary hearing of David Kiniry was begun in department No. 2 of the police court this morning. The prosecution was conducted by Prosecuting Attorney Leach, who, in company with Chief of Police Hodgkins and the detectives of the police force, has prepared what is considered a strong chain of circumstantial evidence, which, it is believed, will result in the conviction of Kiniry on the charge of murdering Policeman James H. Smith on the night of November 27, 1903.

Kiniry still maintains that he did not shoot Smith, but that the fatal shot was fired by his partner, Frank Goldstein, who was killed by Policeman Smith on the night of the tragedy. The dying statement of the brave officer, however, is expected to far outweigh any statement which Kiniry may make on the subject, which was in these words: "The man whom I shot was not the man who shot me."

OFFERS TO FIGHT BELL.

Denver, Dec. 8.—M. J. Gallery, a member of the Chicago police force, has written to Willard Hatch, offering to take the latter's place in a duel with General Sherman Bell, if his controversy with the Colorado military leader reaches that stage. Gallery declares that his blood is at boiling point against Bell for deporting the miners, whose families were thereby left destitute. Hatch purposed to write a history of Bell's military career, a quarrel arose, charges of blackmail and slurs of "tin soldier" were bandied about and the affair has taken on a gory tinge.

IN A STATE OF UNEASINESS

Chinese Reformers in Several Provinces May Start a Revolution.

New York, Dec. 8.—A state of evident anti-dynastic unrest which is likely to culminate in an uprising is reported to exist in the northern part of Honan and Shantung and the southern section of Chi Li provinces by a Herald correspondent at Tien Tsin, who has just finished a 1000-mile journey through that part of China. The threatened uprising is not likely to be confined, but might spread to a majority of eighteen provinces.

This movement, the correspondent continues, is not Boxer fanaticism. It is widespread, well organized and well armed. Prominent and wealthy men are members of all the northern societies controlled by strong central authority with headquarters in south China.

They are in close touch with the Kolachui head of the present rebellion in Kwangsi.

The Kolachui was organized by soldiers after the Taiping rebellion as a patriotic society. It now leads the anti-dynastic movement, and includes among its members many soldiers from south of the Yangtze.

Among the alleged grievances are the indemnity tax, forced contributions to the imperial army and court and the sequestration of temple properties for public school.

Premature overt acts are more probable, the dispatch concludes, in Honan province. Strong government influence is evident in Chi Li and Shantung.

BURGLARS LOOT HOUSE.

Even the Piano Had Been Prepared for Removal.

Los Angeles, Dec. 8.—In order that he might obtain money with which to pay costs of transportation of himself and family back to Evanston, Ind., where he had formerly been a well-to-do contractor, Charles H. Smith, it is alleged, purloined thousands of dollars' worth of goods.

Smith lives at Sixteenth and Locusts streets, Long Beach. Harvey Smith, a motorman, had recently built and furnished a cottage at Seventeenth street and American avenue, where he was to take his bride last night.

When Motorman Smith visited his cottage he found little left but the walls of the house. Even the piano had been prepared for removal. Smith sought the sheriff, and together they followed the tracks of the two persons who had visited the place. These tracks led to the home of Charles H. Smith.

A warrant was secured and the house was searched. Smith, the motorman, identified a quantity of his property, and Charles Smith's son, Ray Smith, ten years old, and Roy Spencer, a sixteen-year-old stepson, were placed under arrest. The father returned later in the evening, when he, too, was placed under arrest.

The mother and her thirteen-year-old daughter, who is low with fever, are guarded in the cottage.

TO REDUCE MEMBERSHIP.

Bill Introduced to Cut Number of Representatives From the South.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Senator Platt of New York yesterday introduced a bill, prepared under the direction of the committee on national affairs of the Republican club of the city of New York, having as its purpose the reduction of representation in congress of southern states that have disfranchised the negro vote. The bill, if enacted in its present form, would lessen the membership in congress by nineteen, according to the estimate that has been made by the Republican club, which originated it.

The bill and an explanatory statement issued by Senator Platt was referred to the committee on census.

The bill provides for the reduction of representation in the house of representatives as follows:

Alabama, from 9 to 7; Arkansas, 7 to 6; Florida, 3 to 2; Georgia, 11 to 8; Louisiana, 7 to 5; Mississippi, 8 to 6; North Carolina, 10 to 8; South Carolina, 7 to 5; Tennessee, 10 to 9; Texas, 16 to 15; Virginia, 10 to 8.

BATTLE IN A STORE.

Salt Lake, Dec. 8.—Locked in a life-and-death struggle, Christopher Tripp and a masked bandit fought in a burning building at the little town of Murray, six miles south of here last night. Neither man relaxed his grip until their clothing was on fire. Then both crawled through the dense smoke to the outer air. The highwayman, armed with a revolver, tried to hold up Christopher and Samuel Tripp in their brother's store. He fired at Christopher when the latter resisted him. In

the struggle which followed the stove was overturned. The fire consumed the store, a meat market and a vacant building, the damage amounting to \$10,000. The bandit escaped.

CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Warrants charging grand larceny in the second degree have been granted against former President Emery, Cashier Paul Werner and Assistant Cashier William P. Luedeker of the German bank, which was closed by the state department several days ago.

TOGO BATTERS AWAY

AT RUSSIAN SHIPS

Japs Using Meter Hill to Good Purpose Against Russians.

Tokio, Dec. 8.—The commander of the Japanese naval guns in front of Port Arthur, telegraphing on December 6, says:

"An observation taken from Meter hill shows that the turret ship Poltava is sunk and that the battleship Retvizan is listing heavily to port."

"Observations taken December 6 covered the results of the bombardment of December 5. We are now taking observations from a hill near Shuishiing."

"Since December 2 we have daily bombarded the enemy's fleet lying south of Paiyu mountain. From that point only the masts and funnel tops of the battleships Pobeda, Retvizan and the cruiser Pallada could be seen, and it was impossible to count the number of our shells taking effect."

"On other ships explosions resulting from our shells could be seen, but owing to their positions behind the hills it was difficult exactly to identify them."

"The total of our shells taking effect on the enemy's ships were as follows: On a vessel of the Pobeda type, 34; on the battleship Retvizan or the cruiser Pallada, 34; on the turret ship Poltava, 11. Besides these, fifty other shells struck, from which explosions followed."

"On December 5 seven shells struck the battleship Pobeda, and about 3:30 p. m. a big explosion was observed south of Paiyu mountain, resulting from the effect of our shells, evidently on a powder magazine."

"The successful result of the bombardment on December 5 is inspiring our men to still greater efforts."

Tokio, Dec. 8.—The headquarters of the Japanese army in front of Port Arthur has reported, confirming the disabling of the Russian battleships Retvizan and Poltava, and stating that the cruiser Bayan is aground.

The report goes on to say: "Owing to the plunging fire from Meter hill the enemy has withdrawn to Akasaka hill."

"On December 6 our forces occupied an entire fort at 1 p. m. Subsequently our forces, after dislodging the enemy, occupied an eminence north of Suerhou and two eminences north of Sanlichian at 3 p. m."

"On December 6, at 4 p. m., in response to the request of the bearer of the enemy's flag, an armistice of five hours was granted for the removal of the dead."

WAR ON LAND SHARKS.

Conspirators Will Be Prosecuted Regardless of Their Positions.

Washington, Dec. 8.—An official statement was given out by the interior department yesterday announcing the government's purpose to prosecute every man in the public land frauds to the full extent of the law and regardless of position in life. The statement follows:

"The conviction in Portland yesterday of five persons for land frauds, which will be followed next week by the trial of several others indicted for the same offense, is but another step toward the consummation of the policy entered upon by the secretary of the interior when it became known nearly three years ago that frauds were being perpetrated in connection with the public lands, to run down and prosecute the guilty ones to the full extent of the law without regard to their position in life."

"The department has encountered many obstacles while engaged in this work, but has moved steadily onward and has had the hearty assistance and co-operation of the department of justice in bringing the land criminals to justice."

"These frauds have been more far-reaching than the country has suspected, and the task of unearthing them and securing the necessary proofs has been a difficult one, but there has been no abatement of the intention to overcome all difficulties and secure the conviction of the land thieves. No one will be shielded, whether high or low, and the work of prosecution will be vigorously carried on."

Qualified His Statement.

She—To think that you once declared that you would love me as long as you lived! And now, although we have not been married a year, you care nothing at all about me! He—But, you see, when I told you I would love you as long as I lived I wasn't feeling very well, and I really didn't think I should live long!

C. J. HEESEMAN

Everyday Swindlers.
 "There it goes again," said the trolley conductor as he rang the bell to let off a passenger who had only ridden for a square.
 "You'd be astonished," continued the knight of the bell strap, "to know how many people try to beat the trolley for a free ride when they want to make a call a square or two away from home."
 "They hop on the car, wait till it has started and then want to know if the car doesn't go to some place which they know it doesn't come within a mile of. In this way they get their ride for nothing and go on their way in the belief that they have fooled the conductor."—Philadelphia Press.

Discretion a Failure.
 "I was at the husking bee one day. Great fun."
 "Find a red ear?"
 "Yes."
 "Kiss the prettiest girl?"
 "Nope. Didn't dare. All the pretty girls were engaged to husky farmers."
 "What did you do?"
 "Kissed the homeliest girl."
 "Did that give satisfaction?"
 "Not a bit of it. Each of the husky farmers felt that I had personally snubbed his best girl."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

More Likely to Get It.
 Nocrash—Wonder where I can borrow some money?
 Hardupp—What do you want it for?
 "Oh, I've got a sure thing in the fifth race tomorrow."
 "You don't want money; you want to borrow trouble."—Cincinnati Tribune.

NEW KIND OF RHUBARB.
 Luther Burbank's marvels will not cease to astonish the world of horticulture and agriculture while that wizard lives to pursue his indefatigable and herculean labors in plant breeding. His remarkable new creations of the vegetable world are coming in rapid succession. His latest is a new kind of rhubarb. Public accounts have trifled somewhat either with truth or Mr. Burbank's reticence and there will be general interest in the latter's statement regarding rhubarb plant, which follows:
 "It is a variety which produces luscious, juicy stalks perpetually throughout the year, and which do not have the rank, strong acid taste or, as some express it, ground flavor, which we naturally associate with the older rhubarbs. In place of this is a mild, but pronounced fruity flavor, very much resembling strawberries or raspberries, so much so that when this rhubarb is once tasted no one ever cares to taste the old kinds. Being perpetual it produces a much greater weight of stalks throughout the season than other varieties. As the plant is new to the world, it has not been sufficiently multiplied to introduce."

Old Time School Whipping.
 Sir Sydney Waterlow, lord mayor of London, thus described to a London Express writer a "good, old fashioned thrashing" in school:
 "My master at St. Saviour's grammar school, Southwark, at the foot of old London bridge, was a counterpart of the tyrant of Dotheboys Hall.
 "Finding that at the age of ten years I had not made much progress in the proper comprehension of the four concord in Latin, he determined to give me a good birching. He was a most practiced hand with the rod and was never satisfied with a birch less than four or five feet long, with plenty of small, sharp cones on it. He never used the same one twice.
 "The flat having gone forth, I was stripped to my bare back and made to kneel. The master then inflicted three strokes as hard as his strong arm enabled him to give, causing the blood to spurt all over my back. Many of the cones remained in my flesh for days."

Peculiar Fact and Superstition.
 In Painswick churchyard (between Stroud and Gloucester), in Gloucestershire, England, there are ninety-nine yew trees. Although the hundredth has been planted many times, it is a peculiar fact that it always dies. A local superstition says that "when the hundredth tree lives after it has been planted the world will come to an end."

No Deception.
 Miss Goodart—I gave you that quarter because you said you hadn't had anything to eat since yesterday morning, and here I catch you going into a saloon. Weary Willie—Lady, I said I hadn't anything to eat, but I didn't say I wanted anything to eat, did I?—Philadelphia Ledger

Crippled.
 Tramp (piteously)—Please help a cripple, sir.
 Kind Old Gent (handing him some money)—Bless me, why, of course! How are you crippled, my poor fellow?
 Tramp (pocketing the money)—Financially crippled, sir.—Glasgow Times.

Arms and Their Uses.
 Jessie—What made you remain such a long time in the conservatory with that young lieutenant? Bessie—Our conversation turned to war, and he was showing me how an officer should use his arms.

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 Notice is hereby given that Monday, the 3rd day of Jan. 1905, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of Thos. J. Klinck to obtain a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Wurm Springs in Washington Election Precinct.

The following named have recommended the granting of the said license, viz.: John Redding, Mrs. C. Riedel, A. Katzer, John Tolln, Joe Twohie, S. Leikam.
 JOHN P. COOK,
 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
 By G. S. Piera, Deputy Clerk.
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The following named have recommended the granting of said license, viz.: E. W. Steinmetz, J. Turner, Peter Nolan, Joseph Sanders, S. Ehrman, J. E. Rogers, F. D. Martin, William Rose.
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LOST!
 A gold medal of the St. Bernard Club of California. Finder will be suitably rewarded by calling on E. B. Thompson, "Press" office Niles.

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The following named have recommended the granting of the said license, viz.: M. S. Lires, Jr., A. Linehart, W. E. Rogers, W. R. Smith, F. F. Moore, P. Mathiesen, F. T. Hawes, M. F. Silva, S. Sandholt.

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The following named have recommended the granting of the said license, viz.: Wm. Jung, S. Franz, G. W. Althausen, F. B. Granger, F. D. Wiegman, E. L. Farley.

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Chains	Vases	Chains	Hat Marks
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Lockets	Souvenir Spoons	Lockets	Stamp Cases
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Rings	Belts	Collar Buttons	Suspenders
Mirrors	Manicure Sets	Seal Rings	Pocket Combs
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R—Ribbons, robes, ruffs, rugs.
I—Ink wells, Irish lace, initial handkerchiefs, infant's outfits.
S—Shoes, statuettes, suits, scarf pins.
T—Ties, toilet articles, table cloths.
M—Manicure sets, muffers, merchandise orders.
A—Aprons, andirons, alligator bags, ascots.
S—Smoking jackets, silverware, silk petticoats



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 A fancy waist-coat or muffler
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Or
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 A kit bag or suit case
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F—Furs, furniture, feather boas, fascinators.

T—Tray cloths, tea sets, table china.

S—Sacques, soap, spongers, steins.

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An eiderdown sacque is to be had in gray, red, light blue, pink, and tan. It has four finished seams, crocheted edge, low collar and is tied with ribbon to match. This very serviceable garment will be sold at the special Christmas price of\$1.00

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Fascinators in blue, white and pink, crocheted in the shell stitch35c and 50c

Shoulder shawls of gray, brown and black and checked cashmere, with fringed edges75c

A square, white knitted shawl, with prettily crocheted border, \$1.00

White umbrella shawl, knit in the shell pattern, with pink edging and insertion. This dainty article is finished with a pink satin ribbon.....\$1.75

WAISTS

A waist of Scotch flannel showing Persian stripes on light blue, pink or tan grounds. It is pleated, trimmed with fancy enamelled buttons, and has stock and Windsor tie of stitched taffeta. Formerly \$8.00.....Now \$5.00

In silk voile you will find an elaborate waist with full tucked yoke, outlined with a fitted bertha. It is piped in silk and trimmed with silk buttons. This waist is to be had in black, white, tan and brown. It is very suitable for evening wear. Formerly \$10.50.....Now \$7.50